



At a press conference on May 10, 2010 launching the partnership, dignitaries held a ceremonial cable connection in a model apartment at Kingsley Commons neighborhood in Falls Church, Virginia, the location of the first broadband installations for the Broadband CNCT Pilot.

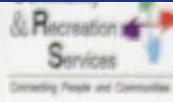
Left to right: Dr. Phyllis Pajardo (Cluster II Assistant Superintendent Fairfax County Public Schools); Patti Stevens (OP3 Exec. Director); Sharon Franck (Exec. Director, Arlington Blvd. Development Organization); Sharon Bulova (Chairman, Fairfax County Board of Supervisors); Bill Rappel, National Director, Computers for Youth); Virginia Congressman Gerry Connolly; Lowell Dodge (Founder, First Time Computers); Gary McCollum (Senior VP and General Manager, Cox Virginia); Tina Hone, (Fairfax County School Board); Patricia Reed, (Fairfax County School Board); and Karen Jackson, (Virginia Deputy Secretary of Technology).







Office of Public Private Partnerships, Patti Stevens, Executive Director welcomed Partners, guests, OP3 and county staff. "What began with a few staff exploring the possibility of federal stimulus money last November, resulted in broadband connection and computers in homes in less than 6 months."



Fairfax County Board of Supervisors, Chairman Sharon Bulova remarked that the logos on this poster exemplify our public and private partners finding solutions. She thanked John Freeman and Cox Communications, as well as our faith communities for generously sharing resources, expertise and skills.

"Fairfax County often does not qualify for federal or state grants, but our staff have the creativity and collaborative spirit to find ways to leverage resources."





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Gary McCollum, Cox Communications of Virginia, General Manager said that this project exemplifies Cox's commitment to bridging the digital divide. "Growing up in a project in Richmond, I know the value of community support. Home is the place where you practice, so you can perform well when you go to school. This project gives all children an equal chance to practice and learn and prepares our future workforce!"







Commonwealth of Virginia, Karen Jackson, Deputy Secretary of Technology congratulated Fairfax County for moving forward to make an idea real, so that lives are being changed while other communities are still waiting for federal dollars - that may not come.



DAVID HOCKNEY: A RETROSPECTIVE
MUSEUM OF ART



U.S. House of Representatives, Congressman Gerald E. Connolly thanked partners Cox and John Freeman of Kingsley Commons for building on strong track records that are making a difference, as is demonstrated by a 50% reduction of youth reporting gang involvement.



Fairfax County Public Schools - Cluster II Assistant Superintendent Phyllis Pajardo recognized School Board Members Tina Hone and Patty Reed, Barbara Hunter, Asst Superintendent, Communications and Community Outreach, Jay Garant of Business Partnerships office and new Graham Road Principal Terry Dade, and Linda Washco, representing Luther Jackson Middle School.

She noted that "the creativity and perseverance demonstrated in this partnership, are the 21st century skills that we teach our students."

She hopes that the success of this project will prompt interest to support other initiatives that provide technology tools and training to students and parents.



Broadband Pilot



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Computers for Youth, National Director of the Affiliate Network, Bill Rappel stated that "The Home learning environment, is as essential to educational success as school and after-school learning. The demonstrated success of CFY was recognized recently with a major BTOP grant to fund programs like the one here in Fairfax County."





Broadband CNCT Pilot



Computers & Neighbors Coming Together



Youth
Finding Home



Arlington Boulevard Community Development, Executive Director Sharon Frank said that "ABCD is excited about providing our residents with tools and resources necessary to participate, contribute, and succeed in this community."









Lowell Dodge - First Time Computers said "We were glad to be part of this and discovered new ways to do things thru this partnership!"





Kathy Stevens
Fairfax County, VA

Kathryn Falk
Fairfax County, VA

Patricia Stevens
Fairfax County, VA





Karen Fuentes, Partnership Developer who facilitated the Broadband CNCT Partnership for the Office fo Public Private Partnerships.













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Terry Dade, the
new Principal of
Graham Road
Elementary School





Photos from the
Broadband CNCT
training session
for students and parents
on May 8, 2010.



A coalition of public and private entities has launched the Broadband CNCT (Computers & Neighbors Coming Together) Pilot to provide high-speed broadband connections for donated computers in the homes of school-age children from the Kingsley neighborhood in Falls Church, Virginia.



The partners in Broadband CNCT include Cox Communications, Fairfax County Community & Recreation Services, Fairfax County Public Schools, and the Arlington Boulevard Community Development organization.

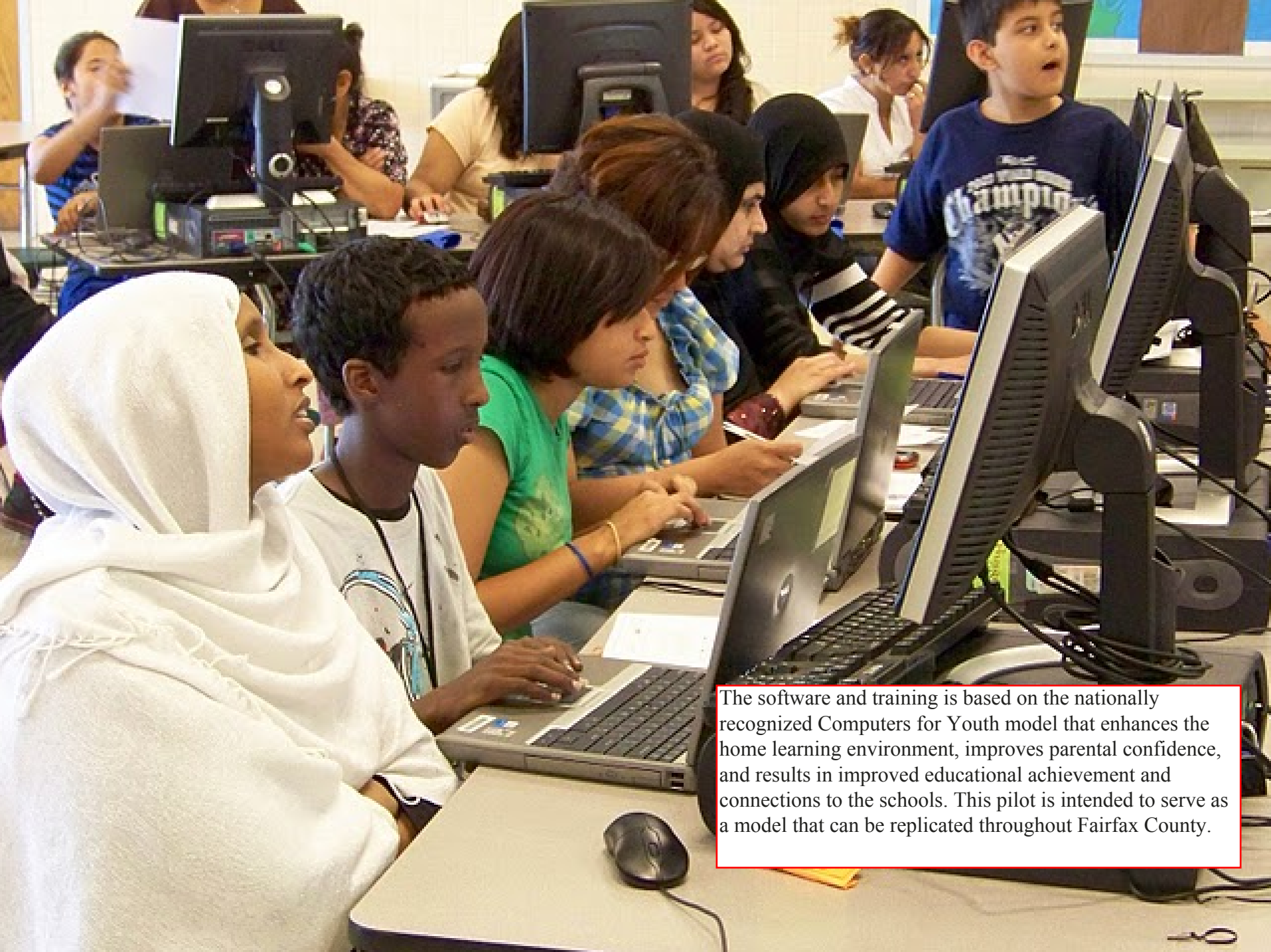






The partnership was convened by the Fairfax County Office of Public Private Partnerships. In addition to computers and internet access, Broadband CNCT provides software, training and technical support to participating families.





The software and training is based on the nationally recognized Computers for Youth model that enhances the home learning environment, improves parental confidence, and results in improved educational achievement and connections to the schools. This pilot is intended to serve as a model that can be replicated throughout Fairfax County.

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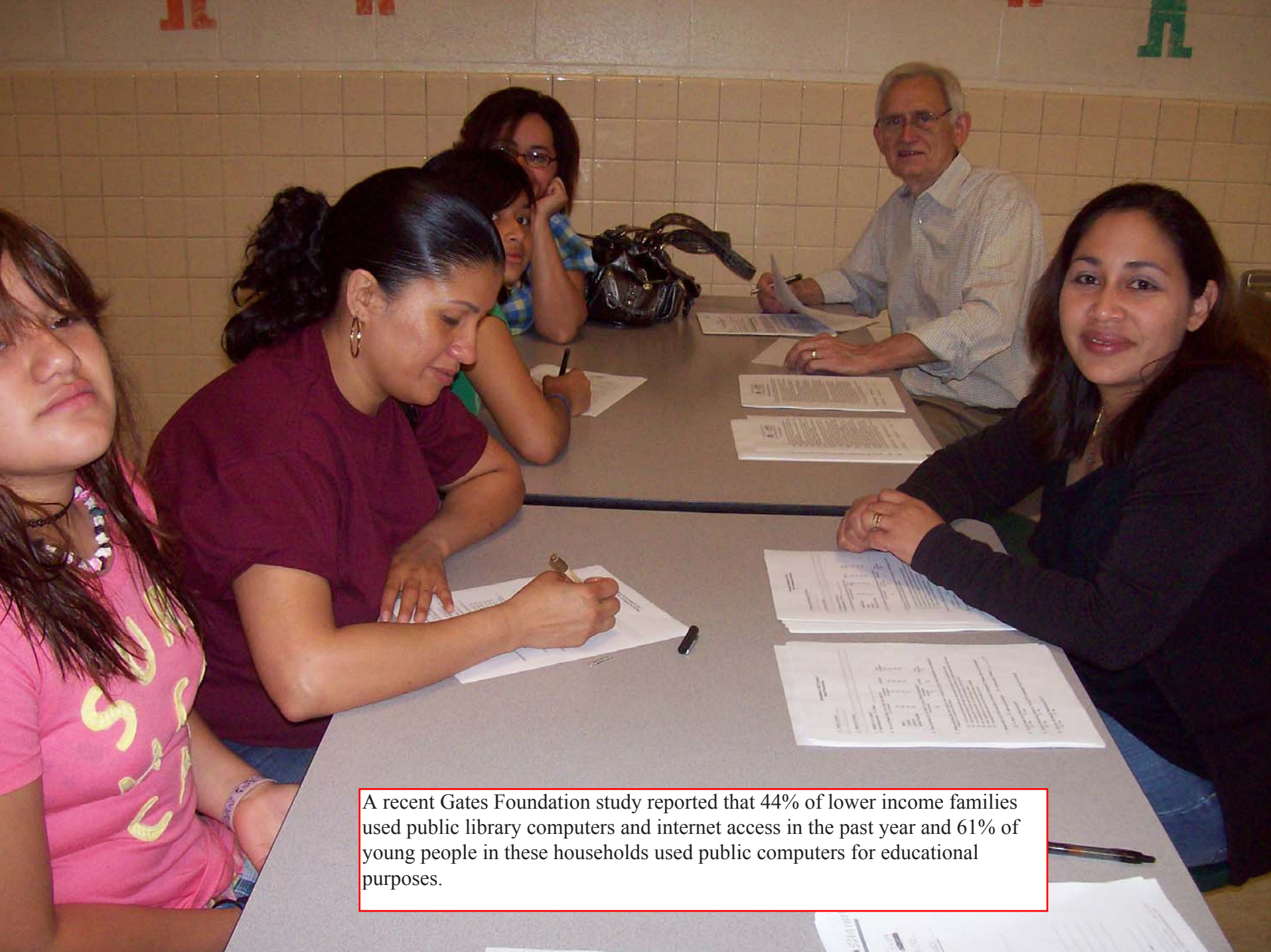
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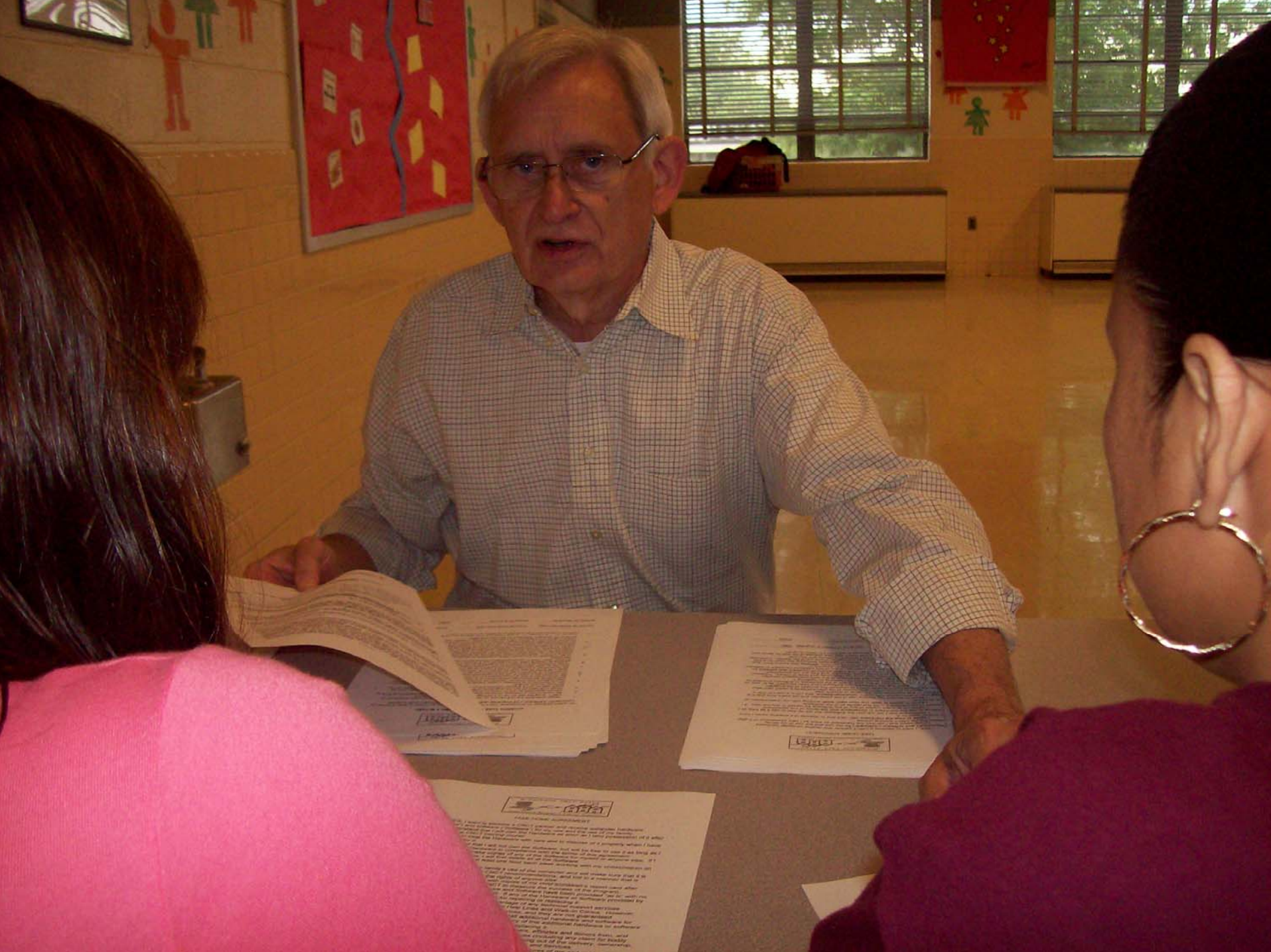


The families, 37 children and parents, attended a three-hour training session on computer basics, internet use, and an introduction to the software. In addition, they signed up for the FCPS Keep-in-touch (KIT) notifications and set up accounts to access FCPS' 24/7 Blackboard. Additional trainings will be held over the next year.

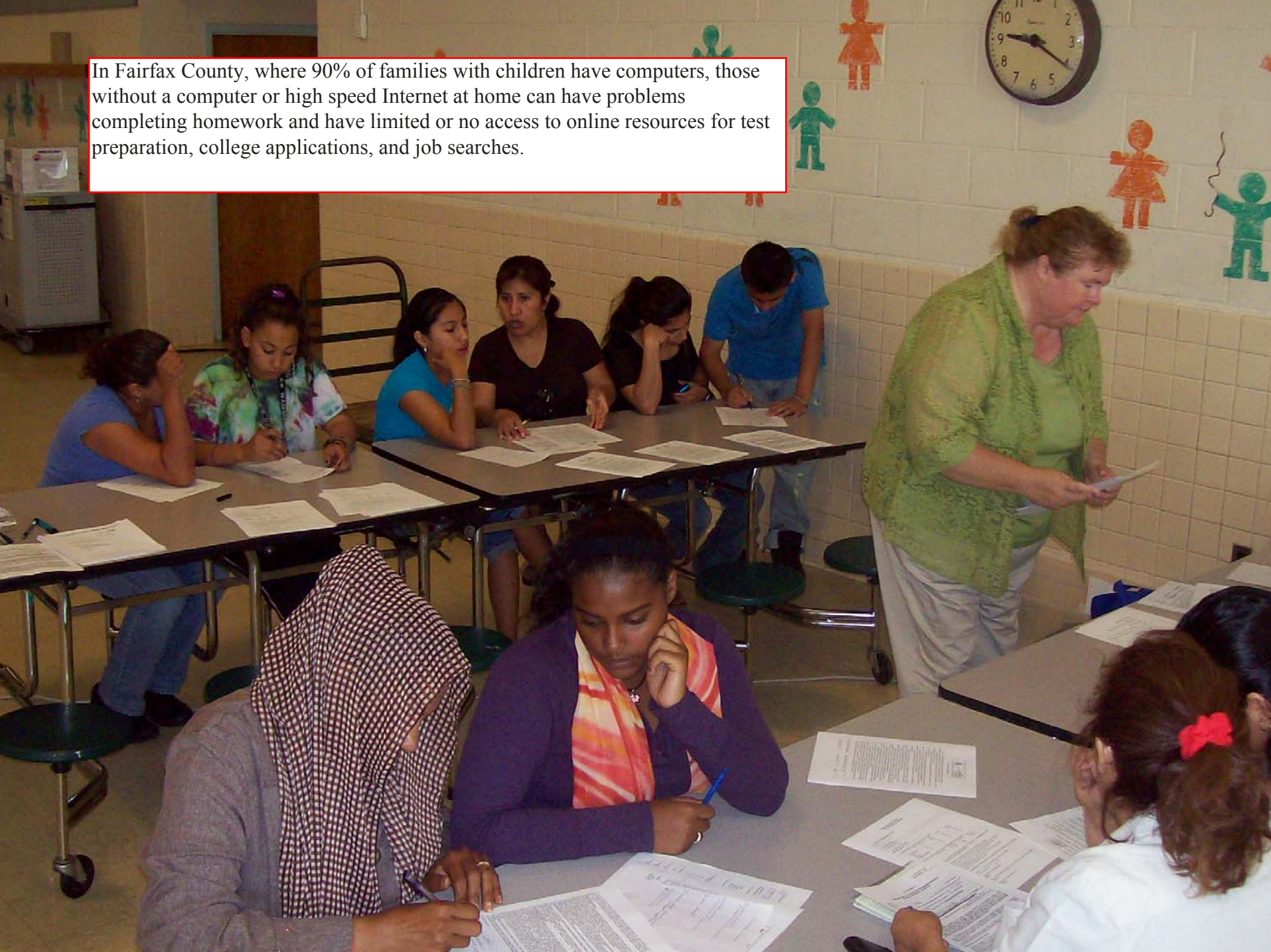




A recent Gates Foundation study reported that 44% of lower income families used public library computers and internet access in the past year and 61% of young people in these households used public computers for educational purposes.



In Fairfax County, where 90% of families with children have computers, those without a computer or high speed Internet at home can have problems completing homework and have limited or no access to online resources for test preparation, college applications, and job searches.





Keith Fagan, OP3 Senior Fellow, volunteered on Saturday to help get the families started.











technology tools to help their child learn at home

- Both will explore the great learning games on your home learning center
- Everyone will have a lot of fun!



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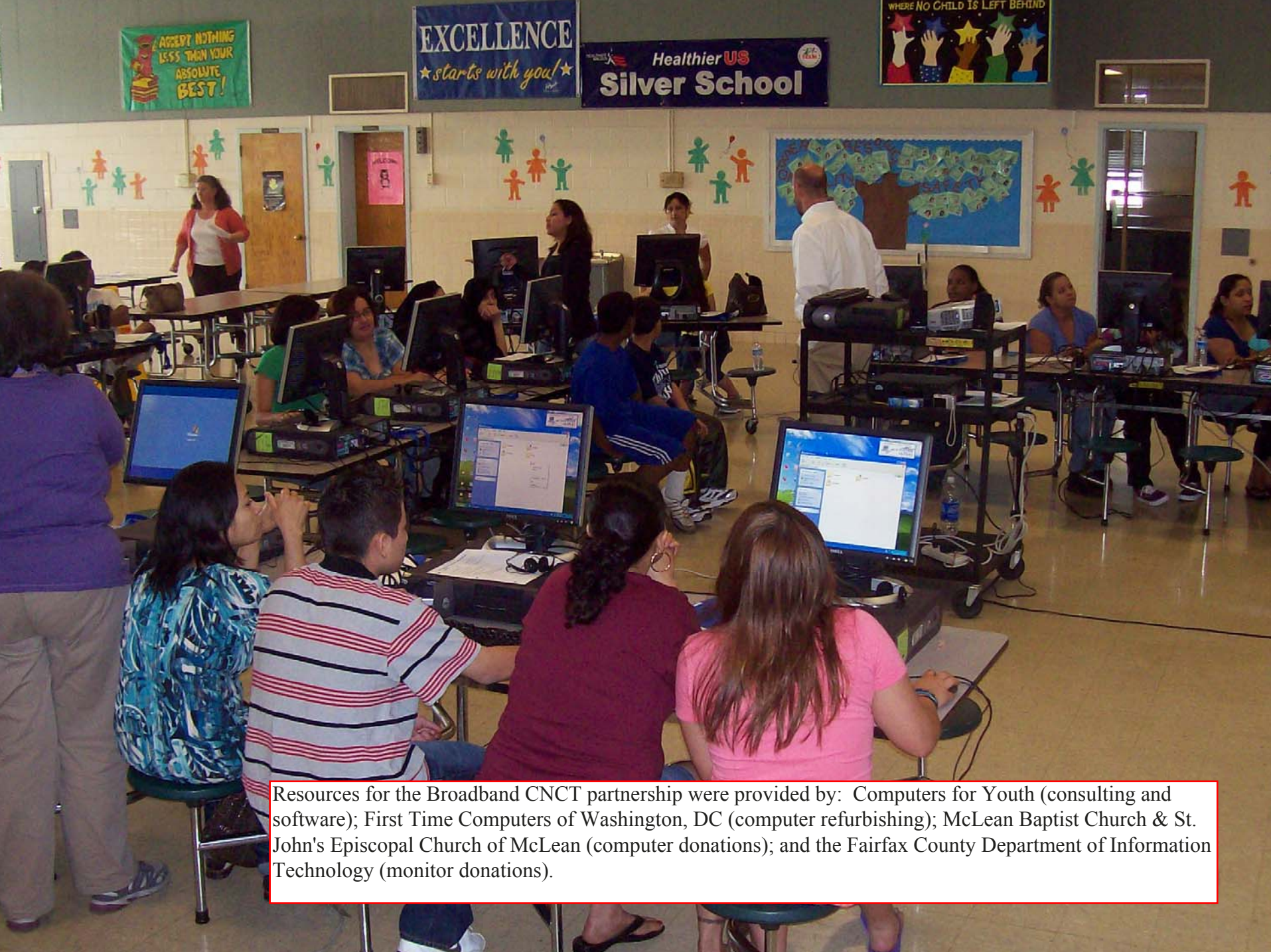
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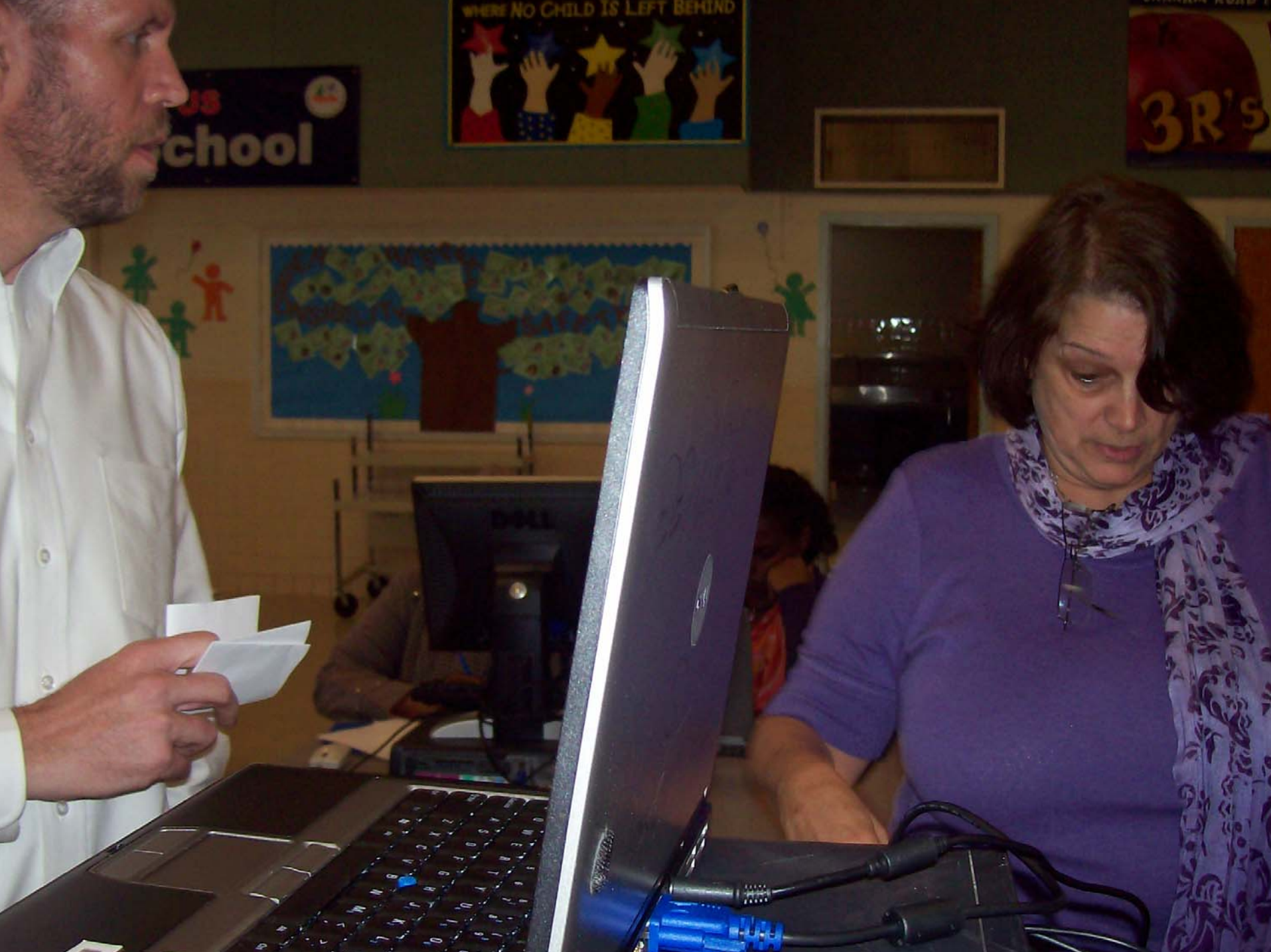
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Resources for the Broadband CNCT partnership were provided by: Computers for Youth (consulting and software); First Time Computers of Washington, DC (computer refurbishing); McLean Baptist Church & St. John's Episcopal Church of McLean (computer donations); and the Fairfax County Department of Information Technology (monitor donations).









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For more information about the Broadband CNCT program or to become involved in this project or another County technology-related project, contact Karen Fuentes of the Fairfax County Office of Public Private Partnerships (OP3) at Karen.Walz-Fuentes@fairfaxcounty.gov, or call 703-324-5176.

